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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Industrial Register Support to AMS
on NIS Section 25 Production

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25X1A9a 1. A meeting was held this date to discuss the above subject.
Present were: Mr. Andre Gerard, ACSI; Mr. Alvin A. Munn, AMS;
Mr. Dennis Menos, AMS; Capt. William R. Cordova, AMS.

25X1A9a 2. In accordance with agreement reached on 20 August 1954 in connection with the above subject, OCR has been supplying to AMS in written contributions information on American-owned industrial plants in foreign areas. This information was provided for use by AMS in the production of Section 25 (Urban Areas). Col. Carroll, [redacted] pointed out that the present arrangement created a great deal of work for the Industrial Register and that apparently very little of the information being supplied through these efforts was actually being used in the published NIS. As one example, they cited the information furnished on NIS Area 1 on which they had gone to a great effort resulting in a very comprehensive report. On checking the published NIS they could find no evidence that any of the information was used. They stated further that checking of other NIS had disclosed that very little of the information they had produced with great effort had been used in the NIS on the areas concerned. They questioned, therefore, the need for the contributions which they had been making and suggested that the present procedure be discontinued, and that hereafter the AMS analysts come over to the Industrial Register and check the records against what they already have in AMS and abstract such information as is available in the I-R files. In this connection Col. Carroll stated that a directive issued on 28 June 1956 ordered the discontinuance of all summaries by the Industrial Register which made it imperative that some other arrangement be made for supplying I-R support to AMS.

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3. The Army Map Service representatives indicated that they would be very pleased to follow the procedure suggested by the OCR representatives, but Mr. Gerard raised some questions as to whether the suggested new procedure would be effective in giving AMS the support they needed. He also questioned whether AMS was staffed to make the check of the Industrial Register files and write up the required digest. After discussion unanimous agreement was reached that the three requests from AMS on which action was still pending in OCR would be returned to Army unfulfilled; that Army Map Service representatives would give the Industrial Register 24 hours notice of the areas on which they wish to examine the files on industrial plants, and Industrial Register would then have the files pulled and ready for examination by AMS representatives at an agreed upon time.

4. Col. Carroll agreed further that an Industrial Register area man would assist the AMS representatives in the examination of these files. It was further agreed that the situation would be re-examined after the new procedure had been tried out on the three cities covered by the requests being returned to AMS.

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